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SUBJ: IMPORT CLASSIFICATION OF LARD AND HOG GREASE

1. BEGIN SUMMARY: ON DECEMBER 18, 1974, NOMENCLATURE COMMITTEE DECIDED TO REQUIRE A BOEMER COUNT OF 72 FOR CLASSIFICATION OF LARD IMPORTS UNDER BTN TARIFF 15.01A. DUTCH TRADE AND INDUSTRY FEAR THAT IMPORTATION OF U.S. WHITE HOG GREASE WILL BE SERIOUSLY IMPAIRED BY THIS DECISION. END SUMMARY

2. DUTCH MINAG INFORMS THAT EC NOMENCLATURE COMMITTEE OF THE COMMON CUSTOMS TARIFF MEETING DECEMBER 18, 1974, DISCUSSED DRAFT ORDINANCE FROM EC COMMISSION REGARDING REQUIREMENTS FOR CLASSIFICATION OF IMPORTS UNDER BTN 15.01A. EC COMMISSION PROPOSED ADOPTION OF BOEMER COUNT OF 72 AS PRINCIPAL CRITERION FOR THE CLASSIFICATION
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OF LARD AND HOG GREASE UNDER THAT TARIFF ITEM. INEDIBLE LARD OR

HOG GREASE FOR INDUSTRIAL USES UNDER TARIFF CLASSIFICATION 15.01A
CARRIES VARIABLE IMPORT LEVY WITH MAXIMUM (GATT-BOUND) 3 PERCENT
AD VALOREM.

3. DUTCH DELEGATION OPPOSED COMMISSION PROPOSAL AND STRONGLY
ADVOCATED BOEMER COUNT OF 71. AS DUTCH WERE ONLY OPPONENTS OF
COMMISSION PROPOSAL, A BOEMER COUNT OF 72 WAS FINALLY ACCEPTED BY
COMMITTEE. ONLY SUCCESS FOR DUTCH DELEGATION WAS DELAY OF EFF-
ECTIVE DATE UNTIL MARCH 1, 1975, OR AT LEAST 6 WEEKS AFTER PUBLI-
CATION IN OFFICIAL EC JOURNAL. THIS TO TAKE INTO ACCOUNT INTERESTS
OF THIRD COUNTRY SUPPLIERS.

3. DUTCH PRODUCT BOARD FOR MARGARINE, FATS, AND OILS INFORMED
ATTACHE OFFICE THAT MANY PROTESTS RECEIVED FROM DUTCH IMPORTERS
AND PROCESSORS OF U.S. LARD AND HOG GREASE. ACCORDING TO THESE
PARTIES, PRACTICALLY ALL U.S. WHITE HOG GREASE HAS BOEMER COUNT
OF 71. IF TRUE, THIS MEANS U.S. HOG GREASE WILL NOT MEET REQUIRE-
MENTS FOR 15.01A AND WILL PRESUMABLY BE CLASSIFIED UNDER EITHER
BTN 15.06 OR 13.15. BTN 15.06 CARRIES DUTY OF ONLY 2.5 PERCENT BUT
HOG GREASE IMPORTED UNDER 15.06 FOR PROCESSING COULD NOT BE RE-
EXPORTED AS LARD UNDER 15.01A. BTN 15.13 CARRIES DUTY OF 25
PERCENT, WHICH WOULD AFFECT IMPORTS OF HOG GREASE FOR USE IN
ANIMAL FEEDS.

4. IN CALENDAR 1973 NETHERLANDS IMPORTED 31,805 M.T. (1972: 73,348
M.T.) OF LARD/HOG GREASE UNDER 15.01A OF WHICH 1,431 M.T. (1972:
6,726 M.T.) FROM THE UNITED STATES. DURING PERIOD JAN.-NOV. 1974
DUTCH IMPORTS TOTALLED 51,985 M.T. OF WHICH 6,941 M.T. FROM THE
UNITED STATES.
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